

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A Support support fabric of the type provided with pockets for accommodating, ~~in particular,~~ stiffening means, characterized in that it comprises comprising two woven layers ~~(A-B)~~ which are joined by stitch bonding and, during production, are separated from one another in areas so that ~~they~~ the layers are not joined in said areas ~~whereby~~ thereby defining one or more profiled pockets ~~(C)~~ and being able to accommodate one or more of the stiffening means ~~that are inserted after production, and in that said one or more pocket(s) pockets is/are being incorporated inside the a body of the support fabric, each pocket having an opening (10a) for inserting one of the stiffening means (11).~~

2. (Currently Amended) The Support support fabric as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein said stiffening means (11) inserted into the fabric are comprises~~ stiffeners of the stay type.

3. (Currently Amended) The Support support fabric as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that said stiffening means inserted into the fabric have a therapeutic and/or comfort function.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A Method method for producing support fabric, ~~characterized in that it involves comprising:~~ producing two woven layers ~~(A-B)~~ that are superimposed and joined by bonding stitches ~~(10b)~~ in order to form unitary parts of the support fabric; then, in a predetermined cycle, separating said layers a given distance apart in certain areas and then moving ~~them~~ the certain areas together again and rejoining ~~them~~ the certain areas in order to successively make one or more profiled pockets ~~(C)~~ for subsequently inserting and accommodating external stiffening means ~~(11), and in that, during production of the support fabric, said pocket(s) is/are pockets being partially closed leaving an insertion opening (10a) for fitting said above-mentioned stiffening means.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The Production production method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ selvedges are established, one being closed over ~~the~~ an entire

length of the support fabric and ~~the~~an other being partially closed apart from in ~~the~~an area of pockets in order to allow insertion of said stiffening means into said pockets.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The Production~~production method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the openings (10a) of the pockets open out over ~~the~~a width of the support fabric.

7. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~claim 4 ~~to 6~~ for producing medical belts for lumbar support.

8. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of the claims~~claim 4 ~~to 6~~ for producing post-surgery or abdominal belts.

9. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~claim 4 ~~to 6~~ for producing orthoses.

10. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of the claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~claim 4 ~~to 6~~ for producing strapping.